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Isaac II was Byzantine
Emperor (restored).

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England

Death of Arthur while in
John's power.

John lost ANJOU, MAINE,
NORMANDY, TOURAINNE ~~and~~ a
part of AQUITAINE.

Henceforth he was restricted
to his English kingdom.

1203

Château Gaillard

Built by King Richard, Coeur de Lion near Rouen in France had 3 lines of defense, consisting of ditches and walls studded with towers.

In 1203 Philip II of France laid siege to the castle, then held by Roger de Iacy, for King John of England. French were dug

to cut off the water supply. Siege engines were brought up to batter the outermost wall, which was breached. The attackers poured through. A party of men climbed the castle's drains and emerged behind the first wall, where they were able to lower the drawbridge. Finally they started digging under the inner wall the defenders dug counter-tunnels and fuzes exploded both places underground. It left the wall, now thoroughly undermined by both sides collapsed into the moat.

1203

First capture of Constantinople;
Isaac "restored."

1203 - 1228

Abbey of Mont St. Michel
in France.

Granite blocks were hauled from miles around and then masons found they were building more abbey than they had monasteries for. The result was a fantastic array of buttressing that took 500 yrs to complete. By this time, its protection was no longer needed. Causeway built 1875

The Abbey was frequently assaulted by
the English in the Hundred Years war
but was never captured

Had to build a Causeway to
get to it because it had
become an island.

1203

4th Crusade

The Crusader's fleet arrived at the Bosphorus in 1203; ALEXIUS III (Byzantine Emperor) fled. ISAAC II and ALEXIUS IV were installed as joint emperors